
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-5994 has been Withdrawn at Sponsor's request

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5093](#)

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC158/1} (Provides for specific fines and sanctions to operators of motor vehicles who fail to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a vulnerable road user causing injury, serious injury, or death to the vulnerable road user.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/29/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/02/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/05/2021 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5092](#)

BY Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PASSIVE VOLUNTARY ADOPTION MUTUAL CONSENT REGISTRY ACT -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN {LC516/1} (Directs the department of health to provide information regarding the passive voluntary adoption reunion registry on the department of health's website and in the division of vital records.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/29/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/02/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/05/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5185](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS {LC779/1} (Requires a licensed buyer of certain precious metals or articles, tools, and electronics to take a digital photograph of their purchase and upload it to the attorney general's license sales tracking system database.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/06/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5384](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Kazarian, Shanley, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC796/1} (Reclassifies certain simple possession of drugs as misdemeanor instead of a felony.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5393](#)

BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Noret, Hawkins, Bennett, Hull, Cassar, Fogarty, Craven, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING {LC871/1} (Requires training/instructions for police officers/trainees to identify persons with cognitive/communication disabilities and to develop law enforcement responses and training for police investigating such complaints.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5467](#)

BY Williams, Messier, Ajello, Slater, Felix, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY {LC55/1} (Grants immunity to commercial sexual activity persons if they are victims/witnesses of crime.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5470](#)

BY Serpa, Amore, Ackerman, Nardone, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE {LC1471/1} (Creates an action authorizing any person who has been sentenced to imprisonment greater than one year subsequent to being wrongfully convicted of a criminal offense to petition court for an award of compensation and damages, including attorney's fees.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5563](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SOCIAL HOST REGULATIONS {LC1670/1} (Authorizes the imposition of civil and criminal penalties against any person(s) who purchase, furnish, procure marijuana or permit marijuana to be used by others.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5575](#)

BY Lombardi, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE {LC1678/1} (Establishes Rhode Island First Step requiring corrections to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early termination to pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5649](#)

BY Knight, Craven, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL HEARINGS {LC1822/1} (Entitles criminal defendants charged with enumerated serious criminal offenses to a bail hearing within 14 calendar days of their initial court appearance.)

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5724](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS {LC1705/1} (Authorizes wire tap application for Human Trafficking offense investigations.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5736](#)

BY Fellela, Serpa, Fenton-Fung, Messier, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC1622/1} (Provides as a violation for any person leaving a dog outside and unattended in temperatures of thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit or below, or ninety degrees Fahrenheit (90°) or above, would be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5871](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSE {LC1708/1} (Extends the "look back" period for a third and subsequent driving under the influence (DUI) and a refusal to submit to a chemical test to ten (10) years from the current five (5) years.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5878](#)

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC1698/1} (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 20 years after sentence completed.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5880](#)

BY Kislak, McEntee, Ranglin-Vassell, Knight, Newberry, Felix, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC631/1} (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent or guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5881](#)

BY Marszalkowski, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULTS {LC1725/1} (Provides that a school teacher or employee that engages in sexual penetration of a student over fourteen (14) and less than eighteen (18) shall be guilty of third degree sexual assault.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5982](#)

BY Felix, Kazarian, Morales, Henries, Giraldo, Batista, Lombardi, Caldwell, Barros, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC874/1} (Repeals requirement of one hundred dollar fee for expungements and requires court administrator advise general treasurer and/or the registry of the court that any bail money on deposit be returned to the defendant or surety.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5986](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Donovan, McGaw, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Tanzi, Ajello, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES {LC2153/1} (Increases penalties for damages to electric/cellular communication lines from \$3,000 to \$50,000/imprisonment from 2 to 10 years, or both/requires restitution for economic harm/increases water supply systems imprisonment to 10 years plus restitution.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5991](#)

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Lima, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC1934/1} (Adds a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing robbery of the owner, lessor, or occupant of a motor vehicle and that the owner or occupant of the vehicle acted in self defense.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5992](#)

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Cardillo, Lima, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC1935/1} (Provides a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing any violent criminal offense that individual is lawfully in a place they have a right to be, and acted in self-defense and reasonable belief of harm.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~House Bill No. [5994](#)~~

~~BY Batista, Williams, Felix, Morales, Alzate~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC2012/1} (Reduces drug dealer sentence from life to 20 yrs./ makes simple possession of controlled substance a civil violation including drug counseling/community service and not cause to support motor vehicle/premises search.)

~~02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [6049](#)

BY Henries, Felix, Hull, Lombardi, Kazarian, Cassar, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT {LC1158/1} (Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer/provides that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than 3 years.)

03/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6083](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC1709/1} (Reclassifies simple possession of ten grams (10g) or less of a controlled substance classified in Schedules I, II, III, IV, V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to a 2 year misdemeanor instead of a felony.)

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5870](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES {LC1710/1} (Includes misclassification of employees as a violation of this section and would provide for increase penalties including a felony where the wages due to the employee because of the misclassification is greater than \$1,500.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via
HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HJUD.aspx> .**

VERBAL TESTIMONY

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on the Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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